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CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

November 14-15, 2005

Hyatt Regency Hotel
17900 Jamboree Road
Irvine, CA 92614

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to Order by Acting Chair, Jorge Lambrinos at 10:08 am.
Richard Lundin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call/Quorum

Commissioners present: Jorge Lambrinos, Chuck Ayala, Lily Lee Chen, Jim Davis, Celia Esquivel, Karen Josephson, Helen Karr, Joanna Kim Selby, Henry Lacayo, Charles Latimer, Richard Lundin, Cheryl Phillips, Brenda Ross, Marvin Schachter, Andrew Scharlach, Leah Wyman

Excused Commissioners: Sally Acosta, Erica Goode, Jon Pynoos, Benny Yee

Unexcused Commissioners: Shannon Glavaz

Staff: Sharon Jenkins, Sandi Fitzpatrick

Guests: David Wilder, Michael Collins, Jo Ann Weber, and Anne Mack.

A quorum was established

III. Welcome to new Commissioners/Introductions

Four new Governor appointees to the CCoA were introduced: Cheryl Phillips, Karen Josephson, Richard Lundin, and Jim Davis. Commissioners made self introductions.

IV. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Ayala/Esquivel)

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 2005 MEETING.

V. Approve Minutes

Approval of Full Commission and Executive Committee meetings minutes were deferred due to not being accessible by website. The CCoA's website is under construction.

VI. Public Comments

- Michael Collins, Executive Director of the State Independent Living Center (SILC), announced that SILC has two RFPs out, one is a review of California State Medicaid plan with a comprehensive report; another is to create an offsite website (non state) that will match individuals with available services.
- David Wilder, member of SILC and vice president of Triple-A Council of California, spoke on public transportation issues relate to Public Utilities Code 99150. He requested CCoA to dialogue with California Department of Public Transportation to enforce existing regulations related to public transportation. Issue will be referred to LRSPA's Transportation Task Team.

VII. Chair's Report – Lambrinos

A. Nominating Committee Charge

Ross and Scharlach comprise the Nominating Committee for 2006. Election will occur at the February 2006 meeting.

B. Executive Director's Evaluation

The Executive Committee has completed the evaluation of the Executive Director and it was a positive report.

Fitzpatrick provided a review of the highlights of her first year with the Commission and with identified future challenges.

VIII. Executive Committee Report – Lambrinos

A. Post-White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA)

The delegate training session held November 7, 2005, with about 100 attendees earned positive feedback. The Executive Committee took action to direct the Executive Director to pursue grant funding and establish committees for post-WHCoA events in California.

M/S/C (Ross/Ayala)

TO RATIFY ACTION TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

B. CCoA Operational Plan 2005-06

Fitzpatrick reviewed the edited version of the CCoA's Operational Plan, approved last meeting.

C. Chinese Delegation Visit

The CCoA has received an inquiry from a group of Chinese Aging Delegates who would like to visit with an aging agency in the U.S. The purpose of their visit is to study and obtain information about the U.S. Social Security System and its related laws, to learn about the U.S. Administration on Aging, the development of the aged communities and its volunteer service programs and activities, as well as international information exchange programs, etc. Discussion took place regarding the role of the CCoA in this endeavor. The CCoA will act as the host for California. Chen offered to host a reception for the delegates when they visit Los Angeles. This visit would present opportunities for an exchange of information and a future relationship. The following Commissioners agreed to help coordinate the visit: Lambrinos, Ross, Chen, Lacayo, Esquivel, Josephson, and Ayala.

IX. Executive Director's Report – Sandra Fitzpatrick

A. CCoA Activities

Carla Hett Smith is off on maternity leave with a termination date of January 2006. Several applications for her position have been received. Interviewing has been tentatively scheduled for January. WHCoA Delegate Training consumed time in the last two months. Fitzpatrick made three presentations to California Dental Association, Regional meeting of Preventive Health Care for the Aging and to California Department of Aging's Senior Advocacy Potluck. Fitzpatrick is an Advisory Committee member for the Senior Summit, sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs. Summit will focus on fiduciary abuse and will be held in May.

B. Financial Statements (Handout)

Fitzpatrick reviewed financial statements through October 2005.

C. California Senior Legislature's Transition Report

Fitzpatrick advised there would be a CSL transition meeting tonight, involving CCoA, CDA and CSL. Topics will include budget, finances and transition timelines.

D. CCoA Membership

Fitzpatrick reviewed membership grid.

E. Recognition/Appreciation for Former CCoA Chair

Suggestions were made for a retirement gift for Nancy Dolton, Immediate Past Chair, CCoA. Commissioners were invited to contribute towards the gift, which will be a gift certificate.

F. WHCoA Delegate Training Session & Revenues

Training agenda and revenue summary were reviewed.

G. WHCoA Delegate Survey

CCoA, in conjunction with a Fielding Graduate University Doctoral student, will be conducting a pre and post study of California WHCoA delegates' expectations of the conference. Results to be presented at the April 2006 meeting.

X. White House Conference on Aging

A. Next Steps: December 2005 Conference

There will be one to two more mailings to delegates from CCoA before the December departure date. CCoA is coordinating the caucus(s) to be held at the conference. WHCoA briefcases were handed out to Commissioners.

B. Next Steps: Post-WHCoA Activities

CCoA will continue communication with delegates, will fundraise for a State House Conference on Aging and will meet with the Administration upon return.

Commission meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m.

Full Commission Meeting Reconvened – 1:30 p.m.

XI. Welcoming Remarks from Derrell Kelch, Executive Director, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A)

Kelch introduced Clay Kempf, Vice President of C4A. Kempf welcomed the CCoA to the C4A Allied Conference and expressed enthusiasm in the sharing of ideas across the associations.

Kelch announced that the theme of their April Leadership Conference (2006) will be public transportation.

XII. California Senior Legislature (CSL) 2005 Proposals

Ten proposals and two urgency proposals were the CSL's priorities from the 2005 Session. The urgency proposal would reduce the minimum amount required to be contributed to the CA Fund for Senior Citizens to \$200,000, drop indexing; and would designate the CCoA as the interim state entity for CSL's administrative purposes commencing May 1, 2005. The CCoA will oppose the urgency proposal if it becomes a bill, as long as the "forced responsibility" language remains in the bill. If the language is eliminated from the bill, CCoA will support.

The transition process discussion continues between the State Controller's Office and CSL. CCoA remains hopeful that CSL will take the lead on transition and determining their own destiny.

XIII. Operational Plan Implementation

A. Committee Assignments

The Long Range Strategic Plan Committee will meet at the February meeting to establish field hearing schedules and topics.

The WHCoA Committee will change focus to post-WHCoA activities and the fundraising needed for such.

The Advocacy Committee will begin working on the April Conference agenda. Staff is looking for Commissioners to assist with the Administrative tasks included in the Operational Plan.

B. Commission Meeting Schedule

M/S/C (Lacayo/Ayala)

TO APPROVE THE CCOA MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2006 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

August 2006 meeting to be held in Ventura, and December 2006 meeting to be held in Pasadena. Schachter suggested that the two gubernatorial candidates be asked to speak at the October meeting in Amador County.

C. Plan Implementation, including Field Hearing topics will be referred to LRSPA Committee.

XIV. Discussion with Partners:

A. Jim Levy, Chair, Joint Rules Committee (JRC), CSL

Levy was elected JRC chair in October. He was asked to speak to the Commission about CSL's purpose and future goals. Levy stated that the CCoA was the organization that started the CSL in 1979. The CSL members represent the entire state, listen to the grass roots concerns, put together proposals, and then come together annually in October to prioritize these proposals. The priority proposals are taken to Legislators to become bills. Levy remarked that CCoA and CSL are both interested in improving the quality of life for seniors and if we both work together in a spirit of cooperation with TACC and each other, we can make things happen.

B. Havard Staggs, President, Triple-A Council of California (TACC)

Staggs was recently elected president of Triple-A Council of California (TACC). He was asked to speak to the Commission about TACC's purposes and future goals. Staggs encourages more fellowship and dialogue between CCoA, CSL and TACC. He extended an invitation to Commissioners to attend TACC meetings, especially the one in January which should be about the WHCoA and SB 840 – The Single Payer Health Care Bill. A recent example of TACC's involvement was related to the Orange County Advisory Council's advocacy role.

Fitzpatrick reminded CCoA members the new leadership in all three organizations presents opportunities for joint advocacy.

XV. Public Hearing Review

A. Special Need Plans (Cheryl Phillips/Karen Josephson)

Tomorrow's hearing will focus on Medicare Advantage Special Need Plans. Phillips defined "Special Needs Individuals" as Medicare beneficiaries that are: (1) Institutionalized; (2) Dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid; or (3) Individuals with severe or disabling chronic conditions.

B. Format Discussion

Fitzpatrick reviewed the format for tomorrow's hearing. Assemblywoman Daucher will conduct the hearing.

XVI. Commissioner Reports

- Karr attended various events, including the CSL Annual October Session and the WHCoA Delegate Training.

- Latimer attended various local and state events.
- Kim-Selby met with HICAP representatives concerning elder issues and attended WHCoA Delegate Training.
- Chen missed two Commissioner meetings due to trips out of the country but is looking forward to becoming active again.
- Wyman just accepted a new position with the Jewish Assembly and attended the WHCoA Delegate training.
- Josephson will be interviewed on TV KL9 Monday evening regarding Alzheimer's Disease.
- Scharlach is involved in a national survey of family caregiving.
- Davis said he was pleased to have been appointed to the Commission.
- Esquivel is developing a workshop for grandparents raising their grandchildren and working with Sacramento County on elder abuse prevention.
- Lundin attended the WHCoA Delegate training. He is also a member of CSL and TACC.
- Ayala has attended several meetings in San Francisco and was successful in acquiring vans for San Francisco senior citizens.
- Ross has been most active with Proposition 63.
- Schachter has been involved in Proposition 78 and 79. Has also been heavily involved in housing committees for several years.
- Lambrinos participates on the state Olmstead Committee and helped plan the WHCoA Delegate training.

XVII. Next CCoA Meeting – February 1 and 2, 2006

XVIII. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

A. Informational Hearing

The CCoA joined with the Assembly Committee on Olmstead in sponsoring an Informational Hearing on Special Needs Plans (SNP). SNP are a new type of Medicare Advantage Managed Care Plans created in the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003.

B. Commissioners' Orientation

A new Commissioner Orientation was held from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.